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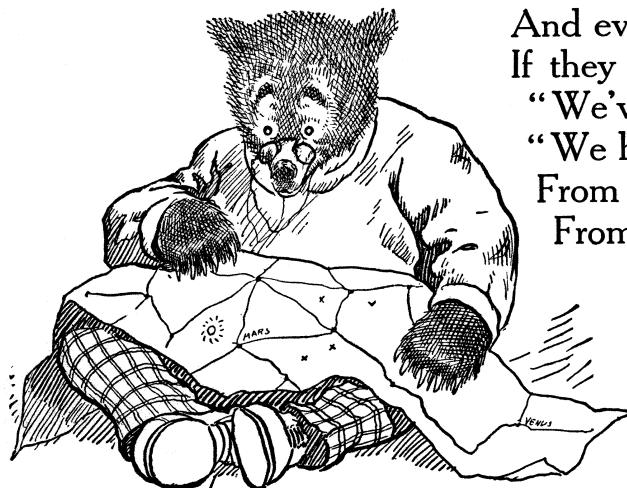
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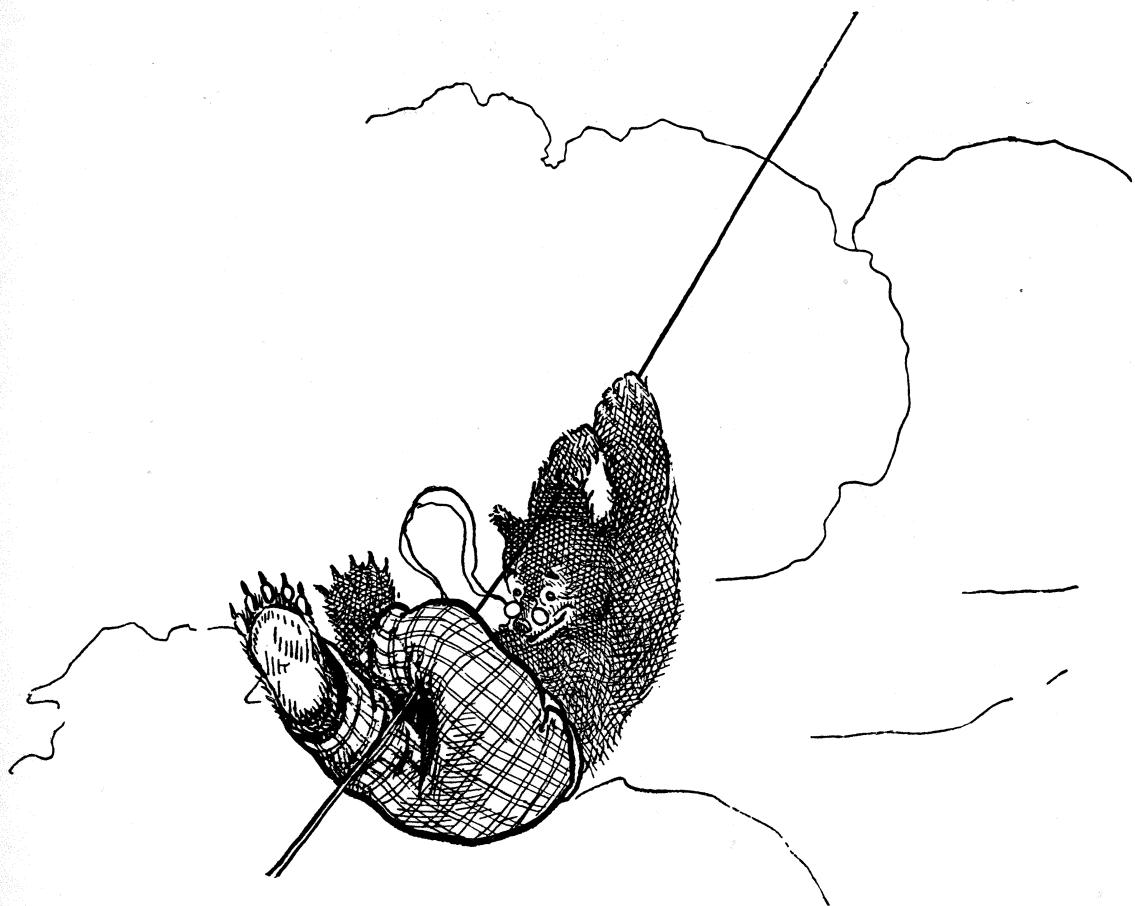
The Bears went out to a country place  
To see a machine take its trial race;  
Invented by a New Jersey man  
And made to fly on a novel plan.

This trial trip was to prove that day  
That machines that fly have come to stay.  
When the hour arrived to cut the cord  
There wasn't a man who would go aboard.

The Bears said they would make the trip  
And every racing record whip  
If they only knew how to steer the ship.  
"We've sailed before," said TEDDY-B,  
"We hit Chicago down a tree  
From an old balloon that brought us there  
From a Missouri town at a county fair."  
"I'm not afraid," said TEDDY-G,  
"I'd like to go to the moon to see  
If the man up there charges entrance fees  
And what he does with all the cheese."



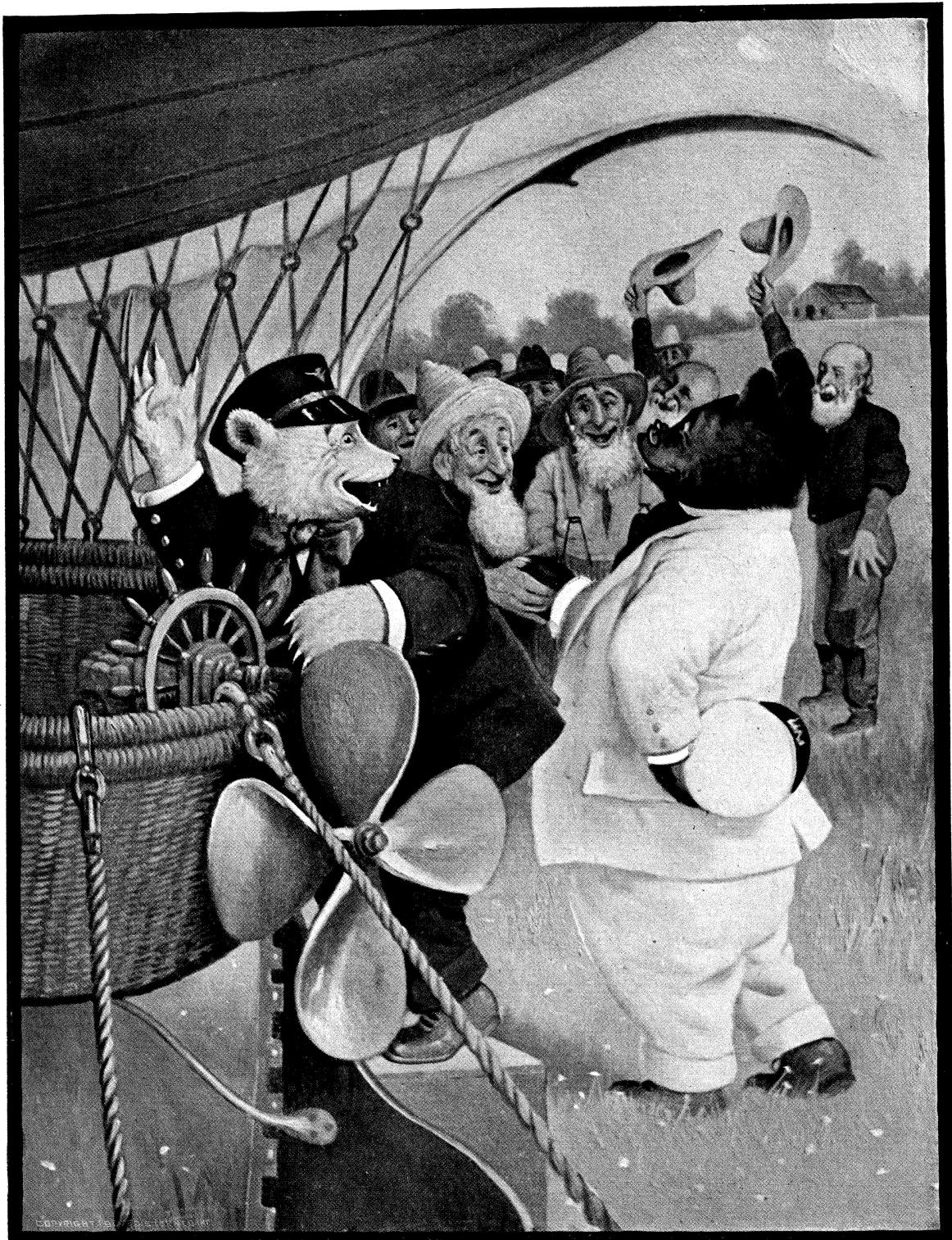
But as they talked the machine got wise  
And with buzz and whiz it began to rise  
And broke the ropes that held it tight  
And went towards the clouds and out of sight  
With TEDDY-B and TEDDY-G  
Grabbing at anything they could see:



The one on a bar beneath the sail  
And the other on a rope to make a tail.  
They started so quick and went so high  
They hadn't a chance to say good-bye.

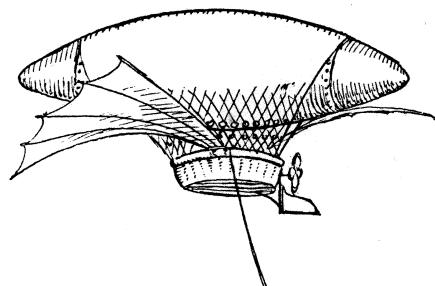
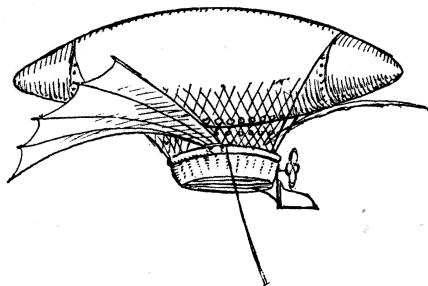


They had ridden before and lively too,  
On cow-boy horses and in frail canoe;  
In an old balloon and a 'mobile car,  
But this ride that day beat those by far.

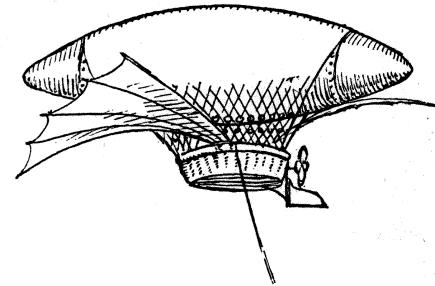
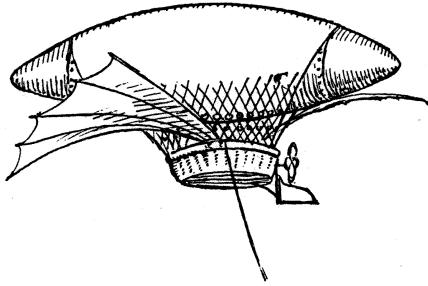


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**“‘We’ve sailed before,’ said TEDDY-B,  
‘We hit Chicago down a tree.’”**



They went over town and farm and creek  
In one straight line like a lightning streak,  
And it wasn't forty minutes when  
They came in sight of William Penn  
Looking so wise and straight and tall  
On the top of Philadelphia's city hall.  
TEDDY-B called out from where he sat,  
"There's a man ahead; I see his hat;  
His hand is out; he means to try  
To catch the rope as we go by."  
And TEDDY-G in cow-boy style  
Let out the rope, nearly half a mile,  
And as it coiled he pulled with might  
And William Penn he lassoed tight.  
A crowd of children down below  
Looked up and saw the Bears let go  
And come from the clouds like sailors bold,  
With not a thing but the rope to hold,





*"They came from the clouds like sailors bold, with not a thing but the rope to hold."*



And land all right on the old man's hat,  
Where both sat down to have a chat  
And look about and view the town  
And ask each other how they'd get  
down.

They looked over the brim to  
see Penn's face  
And ask him questions about  
the place:

What would happen if they  
should fall?  
And how long it took to build  
the hall?

And what it cost and if he  
thought it nice  
To pay so much for expert  
advice?

And one thing sure they'd like  
to know  
Why this Quaker town was  
considered slow?

A crowd soon gathered round  
the square;  
Police and engineers were  
there,

And business men and children too,  
And each one wondering what to do;  
For how to get the two Bears down  
Was soon being asked by half the town.





The Mayor came out with megaphone  
And called aloud up the tower of stone  
And promised Father Penn a dime  
If he'd give the Bears a high old time.

Not very far from where they sat  
A door was opened in the Quaker hat  
And a man put out his head to say  
That the Roosevelt Bears could come that way,  
But the door was small and it wouldn't do  
For neither Bear could be crowded through.

Said TEDDY-B, "Go to the street  
And bring a rope six hundred feet  
And William here will hold one end  
While we to the square below descend."

This plan was tried and in half an hour  
The Bears had landed from the tower  
And had shaken hands right then and there  
With every child around the square.

From there they went, the papers say,  
To a Broad Street bank to draw their pay,  
Or to cash a check which TEDDY-G  
Had got in New York as their circus fee.

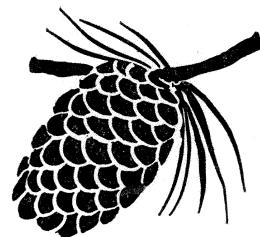
When they asked for money the man inside  
Said, "You'll have to be identified:  
Perhaps your names are what you say,  
But prove it you must some other way."

"Is that check good?" said TEDDY-B,  
"Well, if it is, I'll let you see  
That G is he and B is me."  
But before he had time to act the bear  
The check was taken and the cash was there.

To a shop they went on Chestnut Street  
And dressed up new from head to feet  
And got the bill and paid the fee  
And started out the town to see.

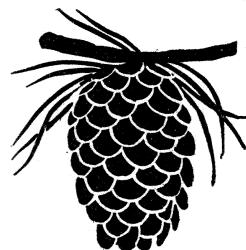


Two little lads named Jack and Will  
 Had bought four tickets for vaudeville;  
 Four seats up front at a children's show  
 That was given to help poor boys to go  
 To a training school where men are paid  
 To teach young lads a useful trade.  
 The boys had heard of the Roosevelt Bears  
 And they spent their money for the extra chairs  
 That very day on Chestnut Street  
 To give the Bears this special treat.



The boys had followed the Bears a square,  
 Intending to ask if they would care  
 To use up their time that day to go  
 With two little lads to the children's show.  
 Jack was bravest and walked close behind  
 To see if the Bears were really kind.  
 "You speak to TEDDY-B," said he,  
 "And I'll put the question to TEDDY-G."  
 "All right!" said Will, and he stepped ahead  
 And this to TEDDY-B he said:

"Mr. TEDDY-B, will you come with me  
 Right now a children's show to see?  
 I have your ticket; it's paid for too;  
 I bought it specially for you."  
 "That was good of you; of course I'll go,"  
 Said TEDDY-B, "to the children's show;  
 We're here to make the jolliest kind  
 Of fun for every child we find."  
 "Me too," said Jack; 'twas all he said;  
 His courage wasn't in his head;





*"But TEDDY-G to answer Jack lifted him high up on his back."*

But TEDDY-G to answer Jack  
 Lifted him high up on his back  
 And danced a jig right then and  
 there

To show the crowd that a  
 Roosevelt Bear  
 For serious people didn't care;

They lived for fun and their fun  
 they'd share  
 Free of expense and everywhere.



But the things that happened to  
 Jack and Will  
 That afternoon at vaudeville

Were not on the program of the  
 children's show;  
 For the Roosevelt Bears, folks say  
 who know,

Made the biggest hit of their lives  
 that day  
 And put up an afternoon of play  
 The like of which was never seen  
 By old or young, by king or queen.